

Additional ways you can save water:

Keep containers of water in the refrigerator rather than let water run until cold. Only use washing machines and dishwashers when you have full loads. Stop up the sink for washing and rinsing dishes. Don't rinse your dishes before putting them in the dishwasher. Use the right water level or load size on the washing machine. Repair leaking faucets, toilets and diverter valves (valves which divert water from the tub spout to the showerhead). Place a weighted plastic one-half gallon jug or a toilet dam in the tanks of conventional toilets to displace and save water with each flush. Install low-flow aerators on faucets and showerheads. Don't let the faucet flow when you're brushing your teeth or shaving. Take showers instead of a bath. If your shower has a single-handle control or shut-off valve, turn off the water when you're soaping up or shampooing your hair. Use mulch in your garden to conserve soil moisture. If you must wash your vehicle, go to a car wash that recycles water.

Encourage the use of water conservation devices by large water-using facilities such as schools, health clubs, motels and others. Survey water users within large water-using facilities and develop plans to reduce water use. Encourage a community-based service organization such as a scout group, service club or church youth group to start a water conservation program. Encourage also the use of drought tolerant vegetation in outdoor landscaping at large facilities and community sites. Retrofit older buildings and facilities with water-efficient plumbing fixtures.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS



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Beginning August 10, 2002, Level One Mandatory Water Use Restrictions were implemented for all customers of the Baltimore City Water System. This means:

1. Watering of grass is prohibited:

- Except to establish and maintain newly seeded and sodded grass areas.
- Except to maintain athletic fields or golf courses provided a water conservation plan** is in effect.
- Except wastewater effluent or storm water treatment systems utilizing spray irrigation may apply water in designated areas according to permit conditions.

2. Use of sprinklers and other automatic watering devices is prohibited for purposes of irrigation, watering of gardens, landscaped areas, trees, shrubs and other outdoor plants. Hand held containers and hoses with automatic shut-off may be used for watering such areas.

- Except for agricultural irrigation for the production of food and fiber, the maintenance of livestock and poultry or the production of nursery stock.
- Except by means of a drip irrigation system.
- Except when used by commercial nurseries with a water conservation plan** in place.
- Except when used by arboretums and public gardens of National, State, or regional significance at the minimum rate necessary to preserve specimens.

3. Washing paved surfaces such as streets, roads, sidewalks, driveways, garages, parking areas, tennis courts, and patios is prohibited:

- Except for prewashing in preparation of asphalt street or driveway recoating and sealing.
- Except at the minimum rate necessary for the maintenance of tennis courts composed of clay or similar materials by means of a hand-held hose equipped with an automatic shutoff nozzle.
- Except at the minimum rate necessary for sanitation or public health purposes, such as eating and drinking areas.
- Except at the minimum rate necessary to maintain effective dust control during the construction of highways and roads.

4. Use of water for the operation of ornamental fountains, artificial waterfalls, misting machines, and reflecting pools is prohibited:

- Except for systems that continuously recycle water.

5. Use of water for noncommercial washing or cleaning of mobile equipment including automobiles, trucks, trailers and boats is prohibited:

- Except commercial car washes with a water conservation plan** in place.
- Except cleaning of construction, emergency or public transportation vehicles if necessary to preserve the proper functioning and safe operation of the vehicle.

6. Serving of tap water in restaurants, clubs, or eating places is prohibited, unless specifically requested by the customer.

****Water Conservation Plan** - For purposes of these restrictions, an acceptable water conservation plan is one that achieves a reduction of at least 10 percent in water usage when compared to normal usage during a comparable period. A comparable period is a similar month or quarter during which a user operated at a similar level of activity. All other residential, business and industrial water users are requested to voluntarily reduce water consumption by 10%.

These restrictions will remain in effect until further notice. Violators will be fined \$100.00. For more information, call 311 or go to www.baltimorecity.gov. Outside of Baltimore City, call 410-396-5352.